

January 8, 2002

Mr. Allan H. "Bud" Selig
Commissioner
Major League Baseball
777 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 3060
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

Dear Mr. Selig:

I am deeply disturbed by reports that you have received a loan in apparent violation of the rules of Major League Baseball, the rules you are entrusted to enforce. In light of this disclosure and your apparent unwillingness to reveal other financial information that you assert supports your decision to eliminate two baseball teams, I regret that I must call on you to resign as Commissioner of Major League Baseball.

First, the Milwaukee Brewers, of which you are a majority owner, received a \$3 million loan from a company owned by Carl Pohlad, the owner of the Minnesota Twins. Such a loan apparently was in violation of Major League Baseball's own rules. Second, elimination of the Twins likely will raise the revenue of your own Milwaukee Brewers. According to industry experts, the Brewers stand to double their television revenue if the Twins are eliminated.

As you have been authorized by the league's owners to eliminate 2 baseball teams – one of which may likely be the Twins – your actions at a minimum creates an irreparable conflict of interest between your role as Commissioner and owner of the Milwaukee Brewers. Before any further decisions are made on the elimination of a team, there are many questions which the public needs answered: What are the facts about the loan? Did the loan violate baseball's own rules? Are there any legal ramifications of such a violation? How much additional television revenue will the Brewers receive from the elimination of the Twins? What types of agreements, informal or formal, have been reached between you and Mr. Pohlad in connection with the elimination of the Twins?

Additionally, I was disturbed to receive a letter today from Robert A. DuPuy on behalf of your office, stating that Mr. DuPuy and the Committee's staff had "worked out a solution" to my request that the Major League Baseball Players Association be permitted to discuss in detail the

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financial data provided to the Judiciary Committee at our recent hearing on the elimination of baseball's anti-trust exemption. Baseball's representation that an agreement had been reached on the disclosure of financial information to the Committee is blatantly false and fails to satisfy my request. It also appears to bolster the assertions of union representatives, namely that if all records were publicly disclosed, your claims about the financial health of Major League Baseball would be proven to be false.

Your job as Commissioner is to do what is in the best interest of baseball. As I review the interests of baseball's fans and the local communities, businesses and workers, it is clear to me that it is in the best interest of baseball for you to tender your resignation. I ask that you seriously consider taking this step to clear the air as baseball addresses the serious issues it confronts.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Member

ccs: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman, House Committee on the Judiciary

Robert A. DuPuy, Executive Vice President and Chief
Legal Officer, Major League Baseball